“NEW START”

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Overview

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“New Start” Definition

- **NEW START:** ANY program, modification, project or subproject not justified to and approved by Congress during the appropriations process for the fiscal year involved.

Key Points

- Policy Focus on Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E), Procurement Funds
  - "Nature of the Appropriation"
- Strong Fiscal Law Foundation
  - Bona Fide Need Rules Always Apply
- New Starts Can Be Any Amount
- Political Sensitivity Critical
  - Restore Confidence on Capitol Hill

Congressional Interest

- Requirement for “New Start” Notification Highlighted by 1993 Appropriations Bill
  - Emphasis placed in FY95, FY99 and FY00 Appropriations Bills, respectively
- Primary Interest in Limiting “New Starts” Which May Commit Large Expenditures in the Future – Hence no Dollar Threshold on “New Start” Notifications

“New Start” File Requirements

- New Start Validation Form is part of the Purchase Request (PR) Package
- The Validation Form must be signed by the System Program Director AND the Program Control Chief
- Original signed Validation Form is Placed in Contract File

“New Start” - Audit

- Recently the Air Force Audit Agency (AFAA) Evaluated the Effectiveness of the WR-ALC New Start Training/Identification/Validation and Notification Process
- Audited F-15, C-130, C-5 and 60K Loader Programs
- Audit Results: Acquisition Personnel were not Completely Familiar with all New Start Policies and Procedures

"New Start" -- Summary

- Heighten Awareness of Notification Requirements, Policies and Procedures
- Legal & Statutory Basis
- Congressional Concern is Not Diminishing
- Most Determinations can be Made at Centers
  (Over 95% of Contractual Activities are not New Starts)
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  http://www.saffm.hq.af.mil/
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